CALL TO ACTION – May 20

Do Something Good This Week
This is our 70th weekly Call to Action since we began this resistance and it’s been a slow week in terms of actionable items. Trump and his awful people are still doing awful stuff. Mueller is one year into his investigation. We had another school shooting, which I wish I did not feel so numb towards. So rather than give you three more things to do, we are just going to repost actions from last week, that still need attention. If you didn’t have time to do all these things last week, do them this week. Pick up some litter. Be kind to someone when you did not have to be. Be ready to come to our Candidate Info meeting May 30 and help us decide if we should endorse candidates. Make the world a better place.

STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS

Get Our OI-Endorsed State Initiatives On The Ballot
Two weeks ago, the membership of Olympia Indivisible voted to endorse three Washington state initiatives, I-1600 Universal Healthcare for Washington State, I-1631 Protect Washington Act, I-1639 Safe Schools, Safe Communities. Now the real work begins. For this initiative to go to the ballot, sufficient signatures must go to the Secretary of State’s office by July 6, less than 2 months from now.

ACTION: What can you do? You can contact the three sponsoring organizations at the links below and ask how you can help.
I-1600 Universal Healthcare for Washington State https://wholewashington.nationbuilder.com
I-1631 Protect Washington Act https://yeson1631.org
I-1639 Safe Schools, Safe Communities https://gunresponsibility.org/reduce-assault-weapon-violence-initiative/

Don’t have a lot of time to volunteer? Too shy to ask strangers to sign a petition? Here is an easy lift that any of our members can do. Simply contact the three organizations and ask them for a couple petitions. They will send them to you. Keep them in your home, your car, your fifty-foot yacht and when you talk to friends and family, ask them to sign. Then turn them in to the Secretary of State – easy peasy!

If it more convenient for you to pick some up, you can get them at United Churches at the corner of 11th and Capitol Way during the day up until 3:00pm.

PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Support a Free Press
In the book *On Tyranny*, Timothy Snyder stresses the importance of defending our institutions such as newspapers and courts. These institutions are under attack. We need to support a free press. Research shows that not reading local news decreases democratic participation and increases support for the current president. Local news outlets are struggling. We can make a difference.

**ACTION:** Subscribe to the local paper (the Olympian) or subscribe a friend to their local paper. If you subscribe to the Olympian for the Sunday edition you get the digital version for the week included.
https://account.theolympian.com/static/subscribe

**Stand with our Fellow Citizens in Puerto Rico**

**FEMA is pulling the Army Corps of Engineers out of Puerto Rico**
While thousands of Puerto Ricans are still without power and the housing shortage continues FEMA has ordered the US Army Corps of Engineers to leave by May 18. Take a stand for our Puerto Rican sisters and brothers and call your MOCs and our governor. The State of Washington has corps members from Walla Walla serving there, so ask Governor Inslee to do his part.

**ACTION:** Call Governor Inslee’s office **(360) 902-4111**
**Script:** Hi. I’m from [ZIP] concerned about our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico. 20,000 people there are still without power, and FEMA has ordered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to leave by May 18th. Please I know Governor Inslee is under pressure to send National Guard troops to the border with Mexico, but I would prefer we sent them to Puerto Rico to help them rebuild.

Call our MOC’s offices and ask them to advocate for allowing Army Corps’ power crews to stay (look up).

**Help Your Neighbors Understand Their Constitutional Rights**

People who immigrate to the United States make our country stronger and build our economy. As our neighbors, they are entitled to basic respect and compassion. Our neighbors have constitutional rights. The Immigration Legal Resource Center provides “Know Your Rights” Red Cards to help people understand those rights so ICE cannot get away with violating them.

**ACTION:** Go to the Immigration Legal Resource Center website https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards and print some Red Cards. You can pin these on bulletin boards in grocery stores, coffee shops, libraries, and other public places. Also ask business owners if you can leave a stack on the counter.

**READY FOR MORE?**

**Support The Hemp Farming Act**

*The following comes from Vote Hemp.*

The Hemp Farming Act is gaining support in Congress thanks to your emails and calls! **Hemp supporters have generated more than 8,000 letters and calls in just 2 weeks and we have picked up 12 new cosponsors.** Last Friday we got the news that Minority Leader Schumer was joining the effort which is a real game changer. This week we gained support from Sen. Hoeven (R-ND), Sen. Hirono (D-HI), Sen. Tillis (R-NC) and Sen. Whitehouse (D-RI).

**Please help keep up the pressure!** We want to pick up 10 more cosponsors in the next 2 weeks leading up to our Hemp Lobby Day on June 7th. If you haven’t written a letter yet, please click below and do so. If you have, please write another one or consider calling to ask for your Senators and Representatives support for the Hemp Farming Act (S. 2667 and H.R. 5485).
https://actnow.io/w6haydP

**COMING SOON**
May 25 Friday 6-8:00 pm

Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!
OI fellowship abounding! RJ’s Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia

Early Warning MARK YOUR CALENDAR
May 30 Wednesday 7 - 8:30 pm
O.I. Electoral Engagement 2018
Candidate Info to Prepare Members for OI Endorsement Vote
Room 152, Bldg. 1, Thurston County Courthouse

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